- – * (asterisk) matches any sequence of characters, including an empty string. For example, `*cast` finds "cast", "forecast", and "outcast".
- – ~ (tilde) escapes the special meaning of a question mark, asterisk, or tilde character that follows immediately after the tilde character. For example, why~? finds "why?".

- **Regular expressions** – select to use regular expressions in the search. Regular expressions offer the most powerful method of searching for text strings. For more information about regular expressions, see the section entitled "Regular expressions" in Chapter 1, Introduction.
- **Similarity search** – find terms that are similar to the **Find** text. Select this option, and then click the **Similarities** button to define the similarity options on the Similarity Search dialog.
- **Cell Styles** – searches for cell content formatted with the style that you specify. Select this option and then select a style from the **Find** list. To specify a replacement style, select a style from the **Replace** list.
- **Diacritic-sensitive** – include diacritics and accents in the search.
- **Direction** – determines the *Rows* or *Columns* order for searching the cells.
- **Search in** – select either **Formulas**, **Values**, or **Comments** to search for the characters that you specify in the results of formulas, in values, or in comments.

Other options may appear depending on your language settings on the **Tools > Options > Language Settings > Languages** page (for example, **Match character width**, **Sounds like (Japanese)**, **Kashida-sensitive**). See the Help system for more information about these options.

> ✅ **Note**
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> The **Wildcards**, **Regular expressions**, and **Similarity search** options are mutually exclusive; only one can be selected.

Search Results dialog

After you select **Find All** on the Find toolbar, or **Find All** or **Replace All** on the Find and Replace dialog, Calc's initial default behavior is to display the Search Results dialog (Figure 71) after it has completed the operation. This dialog summarizes the results. In addition affected cells are highlighted in the spreadsheet.

The Search Results dialog lists the affected cells and their current content (after any replacement). It also states the number of affected cells. If you deselect the **Show this dialog** checkbox on the Search Results dialog before pressing the **Close** button, then the dialog will not be displayed after future **Find All** or **Replace All** presses. The display of the Search Results dialog can also be controlled by enabling or disabling the **Tools > Options > LibreOffice Calc > View > Window > Summary on search** option.